MR. V. S. ARUMUKHAM PILLAI: May I know whether any recommendation has been made by the Economic Depression Enquiry Committee about the exaction of tax?

MR. K. GEORGE: I am unable to say.

Introduction of Village Panchayat Union in Bhutapandy.

8. MR. V. S. ARUMUKHAM PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the residents of Bhutapandy *pakuthi* protesting against the introduction of the Village Panchayat Union; and

(*b*) the action taken by them in this matter?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government have decided that the Village Panchayat established at Bhutapandy may be tried for a year and that at the end of the year the question of its abolition or continuance may be considered in the light of its working during the period.

MR. V. S. ARUMUKHAM PILLAI: What is the object of Government in starting an experiment when the people are against it?

MR A. KUMARA PILLAI: Not all; only some of them are against the introduction of Village Panchayat Unions.

MR. V. S. ARUMUKHAM PILLAI: Is it a fact that the majority are against it?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI: After the Panchayat was instituted, Government received a representation that some people are against it.

Accommodation for pupils in the Vernacular School at Pulimat.

9. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*). With reference to the working of the Vernacular school at Pulimat in Chirayinkil taluk, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the present strength of the school:

(*b*) the total area of the class rooms in square feet:

(*c*) whether the total area of the class rooms provide accommodation to all the pupils, and, if not, for how many

(*d*) whether the school was closed for any extraordinary reasons during 1108 M. E. and if so, for how many days and for what reason

(*e*) whether there was any representation made for providing more accommodation in the school, and, if so, when the earliest representation was received and what action has been taken thereon; and

(*f*) the total strength of the school in the previous school year?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) 302 (on the 19th August 1933).

(*b*) 1,280 square feet.

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(*c*) *1st Part.* No.

2nd Part. For only 160 pupils.

(*d*) *1st Part.* No.

2nd Part. This does not arise in view of the answer to 1st Part.

(*e*) *1st Part.* Yes.

2nd Part. The earliest representation was received by the Inspector of Vernacular Schools on the 20th Edavam 1105. The construction of two wings at either end of the main building of the school has been sanctioned.

(*f*) 272.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI: In answer to part (*d*) may I know whether the school was closed for any reasons?

MR. R. M. STATHAM: No.

Agreement re the acceptance of the report of the Education Reforms Committee.

10. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether thay have entered into any agreement with Mr. R. M. Statham, the Chairman of the Travancore Education Reforms Committee, to the effect that his recommendations would be accepted and acted upon by the Government?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Action taken on the recommendations of the Education Reforms Committee.

11. *MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state what definite action has already been taken as per the recommendations contained in the Statham Committee Report?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI The following recommendations have been accepted by Government:—

1. Creation of the post of Deputy Director of Public Instruction (Chapter I, No. 13).

2. Strengthening of the Office staff of the Director of Public Instruction (Chapter I, No. 15).

3. Reconstitution of the School Leaving Certificate Board with enlarged functions (Chapter V, No. 33, para 5).

4. Reconstitution of the Text-Book Committee (Chapter V, No 33).

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI: May I know whether the constitution of the Advisory Education Board has been accepted by the Government?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: No.

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